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SUBJECT: URANIUM ENRICHMENT: SPAIN

1. SUMMARY: THREE RECENT CONVERSATIONS IN SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY, JEN (SPANISH AEC), AND ENUSA (SPAIN'S URANIUM BOARD) SHOWED OVERALL CONTENTMENT WITH ENRICHMENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY USAEC. HOWEVER, THERE WAS SOME CONCERN ABOUT FUTURE AVAILABILITY THESE SERVICES IN LIGHT SPAIN'S RISING ENERGY DEMAND AND ABOUT DEGREE DEPENDENCE ON ONE SOURCE. END SUMMARY

2. ENRIQUE LARROQUE, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, IN A COURTESY CALL ON THIS NEWLY APPOINTED OFFICIAL, STATED STRONGLY THAT HE FAVORED A POLICY OF OBTAINING THESE SERVICES FROM THE UNITED STATES TO THE GREATEST POSSIBLE EXTENT. HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT SPAIN MUST MAINTAIN CONTACTS WITH SCANDINAVIANS, OTHER EUROPEANS, AND EVEN EAST EUROPEANS.

3. PROFESSOR JOSE MARIA OTERO, PRESIDENT OF THE JUNTA DE ENERGIA NUCLEAR, SPAIN'S AEC, TOLD AN EMBOFF THAT RELATIONS WITH USAEC HAD LONG BEEN GOOD. HIS CONCERN, HE ADDED, WAS WHETHER USAEC COULD PROVIDE INCREASING SOURCE OF ENRICHMENT SERVICES TO MEET WHAT HE BELIEVES

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WILL BE A GREATLY INCREASED DEMAND ON SPAIN'S PART.

4. CARLOS MELCHES, TECHNICAL DIRECTOR OF EMPRESA NACIONAL DE URANIO (ENUSA), SPAIN'S URANIUM BOARD, WHICH INVOLVED MORE DIRECTLY WITH ENRICHMENT PURCHASE, WAS MORE CONCERNED WITH FACT SPAIN NOW DEPENDENT ON ONE SOURCE. EVEN THOUGH RELATIONS GOOD AS THEY NOW ARE, IN HIS VIEW, IMPOSSIBLE PREDICT WHAT THEY MIGHT BE SEVERAL YEARS IN THE FUTURE. IN MELCHES' OPINION USAEC HANDLES ITS EUROPEAN CUSTOMERS IN A BUSINESS-LIKE WAY. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD WHY LONG-TERM COMMITMENTS BELIEVED NECESSARY BUT STILL CONCERNED AT WHAT HE REGARDED AS USAEC'S MONOPOLY POSITION. ENUSA IN CONTACT WITH URENCO, AND PARTICIPANT IN EURODIF. MONTLLOR

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